

TOWN OF VERNON
VERNON ARTS COMMISSION
Minutes of July 7, 2014

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Commissioners (C) & Associate Commissioners (A) Present:

Irma Carter (C)
Thomasina Clemons (A)
Sandy Justin (C)

Bobbie Orne (C)
Lisa Ouellette (C)
Ginny Rogala (C)

Guests:

John Kopac, Vernon Town Council
Mike May, Broad Brook Opera House

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Acting Chair Lisa Ouellette.

MINUTES: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of May 5, 2014 as circulated. Unanimously approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of June 2, 2014 as corrected (as follows):

- Delete last sentence under Treasurer's Report (page 1).
- Last line under Cultural Excursions (page 1) should read Price = \$35 pp.
- Second line under Fall 2014 Excursion (page 2) should read "suggests hours 10 to 3PM (or 4 PM).

Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Town Account	\$142.83	As of 6/30/14
FVAC	\$838.36	As of 6/30/14

New Fiscal Year as of 7/1/14: New VAC budget (2014-15) was approved for the same amount as last year minus \$2,000 for scholarships which was cut by the Town Council.

Town Account	\$6,524.00	As of 7/7/14
FVAC	\$ 313.36	As of 7/7/14

(Expenses = VAC signage and bus deposit)

A motion was made & seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Irma reported receiving three letters of thanks from VAC scholarship awardees - Briana Flint, Brendan Kennedy and Gabriel Rogan.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Funding Requests** – None.
- **Committee Reports:**

*Vernon Volunteer Collaborative – Bobbie reported that a member of the VVC was asking the VAC to collaborate with a public art project envisioned by Don Bellingham of the Vernon Greenways – a mural on a Route 84 underpass in Vernon on the Rail Trail. After discussion, Sandy Justin volunteered to speak with Don about his ideas and what role the VAC might play.

***Public School Liaisons:** Lisa discussed the possibility of VAC members "partnering" with individual schools to promote more effective responses to the VAC funding school art programs. Unanimously supported and contacts identified:

Lake Street School – Bobbie, **Maple Street School** – Thomasina, **Skinner Road School** – Ginny, **VCMS** – Sandy, **Center Road School** – Irma, **RHS** – Lisa. Northeast School will need a partner. Lisa volunteered to send the annual, "standard" e-mail welcome to all the schools.

***Programming & Outreach to the Community** – VAC will participate (a booth) in the annual Rockville/Vernon **National Night Out** to be held from 5-8 PM on Tuesday, August 5th in Rockville

Center. The art initiative will be for children to decorate masks on-site with materials provided by the VAC. A motion was made & seconded to spend up to \$40 (office supplies) for art supplies for NNO. Unanimously approved. A motion was made & seconded to spend up to \$60 of FVAC funds for art supplies for NNO. Unanimously approved. Suggested we request a two-table booth and have VAC membership materials available in booth.

***Website & Marketing:** Lisa has recently updated the website.

***Commissioners & Associate Commissioners:** Lisa reported that Bill Walach has officially resigned as a Commissioner. It was agreed that an article about the VAC and the need for Commissioners and Associate Commissioners would be very helpful to our recruitment cause. A media resource will be queried about assistance.

***Networking Committee** – Plans a meeting in the near future.

- **Friends of VAC Activity:**

***Membership** - Discussion needed re: what VAC offers as a benefit to membership. Will be tabled until August meeting.

***Funding Requests** – None.

***Cultural Excursions:** On 7/11/14 a bus trip to HSO at Talcott Mountain. Presently 48 people have reservations. Lisa will call bus company to discuss possibilities if there is rain. Need to have FVAC membership applications available on bus as well as fliers for NNO and October cultural excursion to Springfield Museum.. Donna will coordinate patrons/bus travel on 7/11.

***Scholarships** – Discussion tabled until future meeting.

***Other Activity, Concerns, Issues** – No discussion.

- **Procedures, By-Laws, Mission Statement** – No discussion.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Guest Mike May spoke about opportunities to do small group events as fundraisers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Funding Requests – New:** (\$250 plus \$150 for advertising) for a total \$400 request from VCAC for a program on Friday, September 12, 2014, "Puppets After Dark." Motion made & seconded to award up to \$400 for the puppet show. Unanimously approved.
- **Leadership Discussion** – Tabled until a future meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2014 AT 7 PM AT THE VCAC. The Acting Chair will be Sandy Justin. Please send all Agenda items to her.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Orne, Secretary

